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## Boutros Boutros Ghali leads Egypt's independent National Council for Human Rights.



- The National Council for Human Rights was established in 2003 to support human rights reforms across Egypt and is run by former UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros Ghali. It offers an unvarnished look at internal reforms and developments,

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acknowledging the scrutiny that Egypt has received from international NGOs and human rights organizations.

- In 2008, the Council introduced major changes to its complaints department by introducing the use of mobile units to reach citizens and establishing a free hot line to receive citizens' complaints.
- The Council issues an annual report on the state of Human Rights in the country, which is forwarded to the People's Assembly for consideration.
- The 2008 report notes that the right to freedom of opinion and expression has reached an unprecedented high, especially with respect to media. Independent and opposition papers and controversial TV shows on Egyptian satellite have scrutinized and openly criticized government policies.



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Clinton says Egypt key in Mideast talks  
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*U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton consults with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo.*

Cairo, Egypt -- U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said last Wednesday she took on the "complicated and difficult" task of trying to restart talks on Israeli-Palestinian peace during her talks with Egypt's leaders.

Egypt is "an essential partner" in that effort, she said.

"President Obama, special envoy [George] Mitchell -- who is here with me today -- and I are all deeply and personally committed to achieving a two-state solution and comprehensive peace between Israelis, Palestinians and all of their Arab neighbors," Clinton said at a joint news conference with Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Ali Aboul Gheit.

Clinton met with Aboul Gheit and other Egyptian leaders before consulting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. She said she felt "very satisfied by what we accomplished on this trip" despite the complex issues at hand.

To read the entire article, click [here](#).

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### The Washington Post

#### Egypt's Grand Mufti responds to Fort Hood shootings

By Dr. Ali Gomaa  
Grand Mufti of Egypt

I was shocked as any sensible human being was when I learned about the senseless, appalling and cowardly act of violence in Fort Hood. This horrific attack is a complete violation of Islamic law and norms and the perpetrator is no way representative of the Muslim people or the religion of Islam. God upholds the sanctity of life as a universal principle. "and do not kill one another, for God is indeed merciful unto you" says the Quran in (4:29). Islam views murder as both a crime punishable by law in this world and as major sin punishable in the Afterlife as well. Prophet Mohammad said, "The first cases to be decided among the people on the Day of Judgment will be those of blood-shed"

The Islam that we were taught in our youth is a religion that calls for peace and mercy. The first prophetic saying that is taught to a student of Islam is "Those who show mercy are shown mercy by the All-Merciful. Show mercy to those who are on earth and the One in the heavens will show mercy to you." What we have learned about Islam has been taken from the clear, pristine, and scholarly understanding of the Qur'an, "O people we have created you from a single male and female and divided you into nations and tribes so that you may know one another." When God said "to know one another" He did not mean in order to kill one another. All religions have forbidden the killing of innocents. To kill an innocent human being is tantamount to killing the entire humanity.

Let me be clear by reiterating that Islam is utterly against extremism and terrorism but unless we understand the factors that provide a rationalization for terrorism and extremism we will never be able to eradicate this scourge. This must be understood in order to build a better future that can bring an end to this grave situation that is destroying the world.

My heart, my thoughts, and my prayers go out to the families who lost their loved ones. We offer our deepest and sincerest condolences to the families of the victims and pray for a speedy recovery of the wounded. We demand the perpetrator to be brought to justice and stand the trial.

However, it was unfortunate to see hasty responses and reactions which immediately jumped on Islam within minutes of the first news reports of the incident. Blaming an entire religion because of the acts of this not-well man is patently unfair and serves no purpose.

It is important for us at this time of great sadness to stand together and process this horrific incident in a way that is fair and reasonable. It is important that we do not demonize Muslims without cause not because it is good for Muslims, but because our future ability to coexist in peace depends on it.

Dr. Ali Gomaa is Grand Mufti of Egypt.

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